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# *A Guide to Candidate Filing And More*

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# Voter Registration

## Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline for registering to vote, transferring your voter registration from one county to another, or submitting an address change within the same county is changing this year due to the passage of SB5270. Effective July 26, 2009, the current 30 day deadline will change to a 29 day deadline and the current 15 day deadline will change to an 8 day deadline. If you submit your request by mail, your application must be postmarked at least 30 days before the Primary and 29 days before the General or it will not become effective until after the election.

You may register to vote online at  
<http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/WEI/Mason/Elections>

If you are not already registered to vote in Washington you may register in person at the County Auditor's Office or another location designated by the County Auditor up to 8 days prior to an election.

<b>Election Dates</b>	<b>Mail/Online/Transfers</b>	<b>InPerson/New VR in WA</b>
<b>May 19, 2009</b> Special Elections	April 18, 2009 30 Days Prior	May 4, 2009 15 Days Prior
<b>August 18, 2009</b> Primary Election	July 18, 2009 30 Days Prior	August 10, 2009 8 Days Prior
<b>November 3, 2009</b> General Election	October 4, 2009 29 Days Prior	October 26, 2009 8 Days Prior
<b>February 9, 2010</b> Special Elections	January 11, 2010 29 Days Prior	February 1, 2010 8 Days Prior
<b>April 27, 2010</b> Special Elections	March 29, 2010 29 Days Prior	April 19, 2010 8 Days Prior
<b>May 18, 2010**</b> Special Elections	April 19, 2010 29 Days Prior	May 10, 2010 8 Days Prior

\*\*Only for tax levies that failed previously in that calendar year and new bond issues.

## Voter Registration Requirements

To register to vote in the state of Washington, you must be:

- ☐ A citizen of the United States.
- ☐ A legal resident of Washington State.
- ☐ At least 18 years old on Election Day.

You may not register to vote if you are:

- ☐ Presently denied your civil rights due to a felony conviction.
- ☐ Judicially declared mentally incompetent and ineligible to vote.

## 2009-10 Election Calendar

### **Ballot Resolution Deadlines**

Effective July 26, 2009, a resolution calling for a Special Election on a designated election date other than a Primary or General Election must be presented to the County Auditor at least 45 days prior to the election date. A resolution calling for a Special Election to be conducted in conjunction with a Primary or General Election must be presented to the County Auditor at least 84 days prior to the election date. When the last day to file a resolution falls on a Saturday, the resolution must be filed by the close of business on the preceding Friday.

<b>Election Dates</b>	<b>Deadline for Resolutions</b>
<b>May 19, 2009</b> Special Elections	March 28, 2009 52 Days Prior
<b>August 18, 2009</b> Primary Election	May 26, 2009 84 Days Prior
<b>November 3, 2009</b> General Election	August 11, 2009 84 Days Prior
<b>February 9, 2010</b> Special Elections	December 26, 2009 45 Days Prior
<b>April 27, 2010</b> Special Elections	March 13, 2010 45 Days Prior
<b>May 18, 2010**</b> Special Elections	April 3, 2010 45 Days Prior

\*\*Only for tax levies that failed previously in that calendar year and new bond issues.

### **Certification of Election Results**

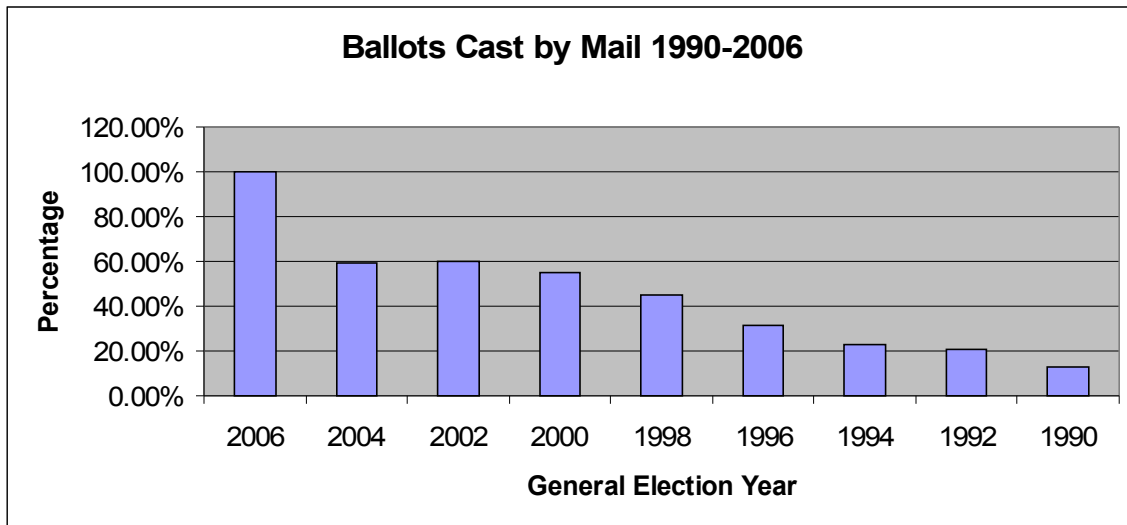
<b>Election Dates</b>	<b>County to Certify</b>	<b>State to Certify</b>
<b>May 19, 2009</b> Special Elections	June 3, 2009	N/A
<b>August 18, 2009</b> Primary Election	September 2, 2009	September 8, 2009
<b>November 3, 2009</b> Primary Election	November 24, 2009	December 3, 2009
<b>February 9, 2010</b> Special Elections	February 24, 2010	N/A
<b>April 27, 2010</b> Special Elections	May 12, 2010	N/A
<b>May 18, 2010**</b> Special Elections	June 2, 2010	N/A

\*\*Only for tax levies that failed previously in that calendar year and new bond issues.

## Vote by Mail

### Increase in Vote by Mail

In response to voter request, Mason County has conducted all of its elections by mail since 2005. In addition to voter approval of the proposed vote by mail ballot proposition, Mason County voters had also demonstrated their preference for voting by mail through its widespread use.



### Deadline for Mailing Ballots

Ballots are available at the Auditor's Office at least 20 days prior to each election and are mailed to all active registered voters at least 18 days prior to each election. Ballots are mailed to all military and overseas voters at least 30 days prior to each election.

<b>Election Dates</b>	<b>Deadline for Mailing Ballots</b>
<b>May 19, 2009</b> Special Elections	May 1, 2009
<b>August 18, 2009</b> Primary Election	July 31, 2009
<b>November 3, 2009</b> General Election	October 16, 2009
<b>February 9, 2010</b> Special Elections	January 22, 2010
<b>April 27, 2010</b> Special Elections	April 9, 2010
<b>May 18, 2010**</b> Special Elections	April 29, 2010

\*\*Only for tax levies that failed previously in that calendar year and new bond issues.

# Accessible Voting Equipment

## Availability

Accessible voting equipment is available at the Auditor's Office during business hours beginning 20 days prior to each election until 8:00 p.m. election night. The equipment is called the eSlate Electronic Voting System (eSlate).

## How it Works

When a voter arrives at the Auditor's Office to vote using the eSlate, election staff will issue an access code to the voter. The correct ballot for the voter will appear when he or she enters the access code into the eSlate. The voter can then use the Select Wheel to move between choices, the Enter button to select choices, the Previous and Next buttons to go back and forward one page, and the Cast Ballot button to cast the voter's final ballot choices.

## Accessibility Features

The eSlate is available to any voter wishing to use it, but the equipment has special features to allow voters with disabilities to vote independently.

**Headphones with built in volume control** are available for voters who may have trouble reading the ballot including voters who are blind or visually impaired. **Tactile input switches** are available to assist voters who have mobility impairments. In addition, a **"sip-n-puff" device** may be connected to the voting equipment.

For more information regarding the eSlate Electronic Voting System, or for a demonstration, please call the Elections Department at (360) 427-9670 ext. 469.

## Candidate Filing Definitions

**The Declaration of Candidacy** form is used to file for an elective office.

**An election jurisdiction** is any political subdivision or jurisdiction of the state from which officials are elected.

**The filing officer** for candidates of Federal, Statewide, and joint county Legislative or joint county Judicial districts (a district where voters from more than one county vote upon the office) is the Secretary of State. The filing officer for single county Legislative or Judicial districts and all other offices is the County Auditor. The Superintendent of Public Instruction designates the filing officer for joint county school districts. For any other joint county nonpartisan offices, the filing officer is the County Auditor of the county in which the majority of the voters of the district reside.

**An indigent candidate** is a candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of candidate filing to pay the filing fee.

**A joint county district** is an election jurisdiction comprised of voters from more than one county.

**A filing fee petition** is a petition signed by individuals supporting the candidacy of an indigent candidate. The petition is submitted in lieu of the filing fee for the office sought. The petition must contain at least one signature for each dollar of the filing fee required.

**A short term** is the brief period of time starting upon the completion of the certification of an election and ending with the start of the full term. It is applicable only when the office was filled by an appointee caused by a vacancy occurring after the last election at which the office could have been voted upon for an unexpired term. Short term elections always run in conjunction with a full term election and do not apply to the office of School Board Director.

**An unexpired term** occurs when a person is appointed to fill a vacated position. The position is required to appear on the ballot at the next regular election to fill the remainder of the term (the unexpired term).

**A vacancy** occurs when an officeholder meets one of the criteria provided in RCW 42.12.010, including death, resignation, and removal from office.

**A void in candidacy** occurs when an election has been scheduled and no valid declaration of candidacy has been filed, or all persons filing declarations of candidacy have died or been disqualified.

# **Candidate Filing Information**

## **Where to File**

Candidates must file with the Office of the Secretary of State when filing for Statewide, U.S. Senate, or U.S. House of Representatives offices. Candidates must also file with the Office of the Secretary of State when filing for State Legislature, Court of Appeals, or Superior Court offices when the district encompasses multiple counties.

The declaration of candidacy may be filed with either the Office of the Secretary of State or the County Auditor if the office sought is a legislative, Court of Appeals, or Superior Court office that includes only one county.

For all other local offices, candidates must file with the County Auditor.

If you are unsure where to file your Declaration of Candidacy, please contact the Election Department at (360) 427-9670 ext. 470 or (360) 275-4255 ext. 470.

## **When to File**

In-person Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted beginning Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mason County Auditor's Office Elections Department located at 411 N Fifth St, Shelton.

A candidate may file by mail no more than 10 business days prior to the first day for in-person candidate filing. Any declarations received before Friday, May 15 or after Friday, June 5 will be returned. Postmarks are not applicable.

## **Candidate Withdrawal**

A candidate may submit a signed request to withdraw candidacy no later than Thursday, June 11 at 4:30 p.m. Filing fees are not refundable.

## **Filing for More than One Office**

You may only file for a single office in any primary or general election, except for Precinct Committee Officer or a temporary position.

## **Ballot Order**

The lot draw to determine ballot order will be held in the Auditor's Office at 4:45 p.m. June 5, 2009. If a Primary is not required for a nonpartisan office, the names shall appear on the General Election ballot in lot draw order.



# **Write-In Candidates**

## **Qualifications**

A write-in candidate may file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy no later than the day before the Primary or General Election.

In order to file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy, you must be qualified to assume office if elected.

If you filed a Declaration of Candidacy for the same office at the preceding Primary as either a regular or write-in candidate, you are not eligible to be a write-in candidate for the General Election.

## **Advantages**

Filing as a write-in candidate allows voters to write your name, or a recognizable variation of your name, under the office heading and still have the vote counted. Minor variations of your name will be accepted as long as the voter's intent is discernable. Voters do not need to write in your party preference or the title of the office you seek.

## **Restrictions**

As a write-in candidate, your name will not be printed on the ballot and will not appear in any voters' pamphlet.

Should you qualify for the General Election ballot by gathering the greatest number, or second greatest number, of votes cast and at least 1% of the total votes cast for the race in the Primary, your name will be printed on the General Election ballot and appear in the voters' pamphlet.

## Offices Subject to Election 2009

<b><u>NonPartisan Offices</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Incumbent</u></b>
City of Shelton (Four-Year Term)	Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement	Dawn Pannell
Mason County Cemetery District (Two-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 1	Linnie Griffin
Mason County Cemetery District (Six-Year Short & Full Term)	Position No. 2	Dennis Ward
Mason County Cemetery District (Four-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 3	Gladys Pruett
Fire Protection District No. 1 Goodpaster (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	James F
Fire Protection District No. 2 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Dan Burrus
Fire Protection District No. 2 Hamilton (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 5	Dennis (Denny)
Fire Protection District No. 3 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Jim Stark
Fire Protection District No. 4 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 2	Curt Bennett
Fire Protection District No. 5 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 2	Tommy O Taylor
Fire Protection District No. 6 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Steven D Grout
Fire Protection District No. 8 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Tom Wampold
Fire Protection District No. 8 (Four-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 2	Tommy Thombs
Fire Protection District No. 9 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Marvin C Anderson
Fire Protection District No. 11 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Dan C Ward

## Offices Subject to Election 2009

<b><u>NonPartisan Offices</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Incumbent</u></b>
Fire Protection District No. 12 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Shon Eck
Fire Protection District No. 13 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Randy Norris
Fire Protection District No. 16 Edmondson (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	L Steve
Fire Protection District No. 17 (Six-Year Short & Full Term)	Position No. 1	Jim Boldt
Fire Protection District No. 18 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 2	Franklin Phillips
Public Hospital District No. 1 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Nancy R Trucksess
Public Hospital District No. 2 (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Peggy VanBuskirk
Port of Allyn (Six-Year Term)	District No. 1	Judy G Scott
Port of Dewatto (Six-Year Term)	District No. 2	Doug Stevens
Port of Grapeview VanderWal (Six-Year Term)	District No. 1	William C
Port of Hoodspott (Two-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 2	John E Wyatt
Port of Hoodspott (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Frank C Benavente
Port of Shelton (Six-Year Term)	District No. 1	Richard L Byrd
Southside School District No. 42 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Julie D Chrisman
Southside School District No. 42 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 5	Linda S Farrimond

## Offices Subject to Election 2009

<b><u>NonPartisan Offices</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Incumbent</u></b>
Grapeview School District No. 54 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Jolene Dumont
Grapeview School District No. 54 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Pamela Berger
McCleary School District No. 65 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 3	Lonnie Zeller
McCleary School District No. 65 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 5	R Troy Colley
Elma School District No. 68 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 1	Larry Bridenback
Elma School District No. 68 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 2	Rick Gravatt
Elma School District No. 68 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 5	Dan Warren
Shelton School District No. 309 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 3	Holly M Sharpe
Shelton School District No. 309 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 4	Julianna Miljour
Shelton School District No. 309 (Two-Year Unexpired Term)	District No. 5	Cheryl Travaglione
Mary M Knight School District No. 311 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Jim Frost
Mary M Knight School District No. 311 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 2	Joe E Rothrock
Pioneer School District No. 402 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Dick Parrett
Pioneer School District No. 402 (Two-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 4	Jeanette Leach
Pioneer School District No. 402 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 5	Mike Felton

## Offices Subject to Election 2009

<b><u>NonPartisan Offices</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Incumbent</u></b>
North Mason School District No. 403 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 2	Jeff L Werdall
North Mason School District No. 403 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 5	Michael W Gaudio
Hood Canal School District No. 404 (Four-Year Term)	District No. 1	Judy A Haesel
Hood Canal School District No. 404 (Four-Year Term)	Position No. 4	Ed Binder
Belfair Water District (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 1	Irene Werdall
Hartstence Pointe Water-Sewer District (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 2	Mary Alice Cary
Maggie Lake Water District (Four-Year Unexpired Term)	Position No. 1	Donald R Husted
Maggie Lake Water District (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 3	Robert K Sample
Tahuya River Valley Water District (Six-Year Term)	Position No. 2	Anthony T Butler
Trails End Water District (Six-Year Short & Full Term)	Position No. 2	Doug Doll

## **Candidate Filing Fees 2009**

### **Filing Fees**

If the office has a fixed annual salary of more than \$1,000, the filing fee is 1% of the annual salary of the office. The filing fee is \$10 if the office has a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less. There is no filing fee if the office has no fixed annual salary. The fee is based on the salary in effect at the time of filing. Filing fees are not refundable.

An indigent candidate may submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the required filing fee. One signature is required for each dollar of the filing fee. A combination of money and signatures will not be accepted.

### **Fees for 2009 Offices Subject to Election**

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Filing Fee</u></b>
City of Shelton	Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement	\$156.00
Port of Shelton	District No. 1	\$60.00

# **Online Voters' Guide Statements**

## **Offices Eligible to Submit a Statement**

To provide consistency and eliminate duplication of work, the statement submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State will be displayed on the Mason County Auditor's Office Elections Department's Online Voters' Guide for any candidate required to file his or her Declaration of Candidacy with the Office of the Secretary of State and for any candidate required to file with the County Auditor, but qualified to participate in the printed Voters' Pamphlet produced by the Office of the Secretary of State. A second statement is not required to be submitted to the Mason County Elections Department and will not be accepted for those positions including President, Vice-President, United States Senator, United States Representative, all Statewide Offices, State Representative, State Senator, Superior Court Judge, Court of Appeals Judge, and Supreme Court Justice.

All other offices may submit a statement to the Mason County Auditor's Office Elections Department to be published in the Online Voters' Guide.

## **Statement Requirements**

Candidate statements must be submitted in an electronic format from a standard word processing program submitted on CD or emailed to [amberc@co.mason.wa.us](mailto:amberc@co.mason.wa.us).

In addition, the following requirements must be met.

- ❑ The name, address and telephone number of the candidate submitting the statement must appear at the top of each page of the statement (not to be counted against the word limit).
- ❑ All statements shall be without tables, lists, graphs, or other material requiring multiple indentations.
- ❑ Words that are underlined, in italics, or all in upper case letters will be changed to normal printing.

## **Statement Length**

**Statements submitted for publication in the Online Voters' Guide shall be limited to one hundred and fifty (150) words or less.**

If the statement exceeds the 150-word limit, the candidate will be notified by telephone. The candidate will have until the close of the next business day (4:30 p.m.) to submit a new statement within the 150-word limit.

If the candidate does not submit a new statement meeting the 150-word limit, all words in excess of 150 will be omitted. If such a deletion creates an incomplete sentence, that incomplete sentence will also be omitted.

### **Editing**

The Election Department staff will not make any changes or corrections to a candidate statement and does not assume any responsibility for errors that result from inaccuracies in the original statement submitted by the candidate.

### **Content**

By law, the County Auditor is required to reject any statement containing obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous or defamatory matter, or language which in any way cites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, abuse, violence and/or hostility toward, or which tends to cause ridicule or shame upon any person or group of persons by reason of sex, race, color, religion or manner of worship or any language or matter the circulation of which is prohibited by Federal law.

### **Appeal of Rejected Statements**

Candidates who have any portion of their statement rejected will be notified in writing and by telephone. The candidate will have until 4:30 p.m., three days following the notification by telephone to appeal the rejection. Appeals will be made to the County Auditor.

The County Auditor shall render a decision within two business days of the appeal and such decision to accept or reject the statement or portion of the statement shall be final. A second decision to reject is final due to time limitations and only the portion of the statement, if any, which has not been rejected, will be used.

### **Publication**

Candidate statements shall appear in the order they will appear on the ballot. The following statement shall be printed at the top of each page where candidate statements appear: **“These statements are submitted by the candidates and are not checked for accuracy by any government agency.”** For candidates who do not submit a statement, their name, position they are running for, and term will appear with the phrase **“No Statement Submitted.”** The statements will appear online at least twenty-five (25) days prior to an election.

### **Deadline**

Statements must be submitted to the County Auditor no later than 4:30 p.m. thirty (30) days prior to an election. For the August 18, 2009 Primary, statements must



be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. July 17. For the November 3, 2009 General Election, statements must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. October 2.

### **General Election**

Candidates may submit a new statement prior to the General Election. The statement submitted for the Primary Voters' Guide would be republished for the General Election Voters' Guide for candidates that do not submit a new statement.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Filing No. \_\_\_\_\_ Office Code \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Check ☐ Debit/Credit  
☐ Cash ☐ Filing Fee Petition Voter Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Initials \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a registered voter residing at:  
(PRINT NAME AS YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) (CITY) (COUNTY) (ZIP)

and, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office if elected.

3. My campaign contact information is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MAILING ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(TELEPHONE NUMBER) (EMAIL ADDRESS)

4. I declare myself as a candidate for the office of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF OFFICE including DISTRICT or POSITION NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CONGRESSIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, COUNTY, CITY, OR OTHER JURISDICTION)

5. Filing Fee (check one):

- ☐ There is no filing fee because the office has no fixed annual salary;  
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$10 because the fixed annual salary of the office is \$1,000 or less;  
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_, an amount equal to 1% of the annual salary; or  
☐ I am without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee and am submitting a filing fee petition in lieu of this fee.

6. Please print my name on the ballot exactly as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

7. If the office is partisan, your party preference, if any, will be printed on the ballot exactly as follows:

- ☐ (Prefers \_\_\_\_\_ Party) or  
☐ (States No Party Preference)

If you fail to check a box or provide a party name, “(States No Party Preference)” will be printed.

Candidate: Return all copies to your Elections Dept. Distribution: White—County; Yellow—PDC; Pink—Candidate

Note: Your signature must be personally attested to by a notary public in the office with whom the declaration is filed.

I declare that this information is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I also swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

8. Sign Here X \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE)

STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Signed or Attested before me on \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

(SEAL OR STAMP)

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(CANDIDATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY)

(TITLE)

# Example of Declaration of Write-In Candidacy

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date _____	Fee Paid \$ _____	Filing No. _____	Office Code _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit/Credit		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee Petition	Voter Registration # _____	Clerk Initials _____

## DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY

- I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a registered voter residing at:  
(PRINT NAME AS YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) (CITY) (COUNTY) (ZIP)  
and, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office if elected.
- My campaign contact information is:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(MAILING ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(TELEPHONE NUMBER) (EMAIL ADDRESS)
- I declare myself as a candidate for the office of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF OFFICE including DISTRICT or POSITION NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CONGRESSIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, COUNTY, CITY, OR OTHER JURISDICTION)
- Filing Fee (check one):  
☐ There is no filing fee because the office has no fixed annual salary;  
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$10 because the fixed annual salary of the office is \$1,000 or less;  
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_, an amount equal to 1% of the annual salary; or  
☐ I am without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee and am submitting a filing fee petition in lieu of this fee.
- If my name appears on a ballot, print exactly as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)
- If the office is partisan, your party preference, if any, will be printed on the ballot exactly as follows:  
☐ (Prefers ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Party) or  
☐ (States No Party Preference)

If you fail to check a box or provide a party name, "(States No Party Preference)" will be printed.

I declare that this information is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I also swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

*Note: Your signature must be personally attested to by a notary public or by the officer with whom the declaration is filed.*

### 8. Sign Here X

STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL OR STAMP)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE)

Signed or Attested before me on \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(CANDIDATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TITLE)

MY APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

Example of Filing Fee Petition

**Filing Fee Petition**  
(Submitted in lieu of the filing fee required by RCW 29A.24.091)

We, the undersigned registered voters of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Jurisdiction of the Office)

hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ name be printed on the ballot for  
(Candidate's Name)

the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office, Including District or Position Number for which the candidate is filing a declaration of candidacy)

**WARNING**  
RCW 29A.72.150 and WAC 434-215-025

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter and eligible to vote for the candidate, or makes any false statement on this petition may be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both.

	Signature	Printed Name	Residence Address	City	County
1)					
2)					
3)					
4)					
5)					
6)					
7)					
8)					
9)					
10)					

# Example of Candidate Withdrawal Form

**WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**  
(RCW 29A.24.131)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ withdraw my  
(Print Name)

candidacy for nomination to the office of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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